



Lesson 19

Stage Group



M Category for Pathological Stage

- pM not required to assign pathological stage group
- Pathological stage group options with cM
 - pT pN cM0
 - pT pN cM1
- Pure clinical and pure pathological stage group
 - Refers to following AJCC rules for that classification
 - Does **NOT** refer to using all “c” or all “p” for each category

- pM1
 - Microscopic confirmation of distant mets during diagnostic workup (clinical stage)
 - Sanctions **both** clinical and pathological stage group assignment
 - Do not need to meet resection criteria for pathological stage
- Stage group options – pM1 found during diagnostic workup with no surgical resection
 - cT cN pM1 clinical stage IV
 - cT cN pM1 pathological stage IV

- CIS definition
 - Has not involved any structures in primary organ that
 - Allows tumor cells to spread to regional nodes or distant sites
- CIS
 - Clinical stage
 - cTis cN0 cM0 clinical stage 0
 - Pathological stage
 - pTis cN0 cM0 pathological stage 0
 - Exception in 7th and prior editions to stage group guidelines has been eliminated
 - In Situ Neoplasia document on AJCC Website
- Caution for pathological stage
 - Cannot use CIS rule in isolation
 - Must also meet pathological stage resection criteria
 - Avoids sampling error when resection might show invasion
 - Example: TURB



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